THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) Keeping in view the reduced availability of foodgrains, especially wheat, in the Central Pool and to ensure that the subsidy remains targeted towards poor households as well as to check diversion, the Government took decision to raise the Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of foodgrains for Above the Poverty Line (APL) households and to rationalize the allocation of foodgrains under theTargeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

The Government considering the representations from State Government and others, has decided to postpone the implementation of these decisions.

Wheat quota for APL ration card holders

456.SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drastically cut down the wheat quota for ration card holders under the above poverty line category;

(b) the total cut effected, State-wise;

(c) the provision which has been or is being made for marginal families who drift down to below poverty line with rise in prices; and

(d) the precentage rise in prices of consumer goods during the current year, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The allocation of wheat for Above Poverty Line (APL) category has been rationalized to each State's average offtake for the last 3 years or the last year's offtake, whichever was lower. A 25% cut on this has been imposed in respect of rice consuming States and Delhi for APL category. However, there has been no change in the overall APL entitlements and the State Governments/UTs can ask for allocation of rice in lieu of reduction of wheat allocation under APL.

A State-wise statement showing difference in wheat allocation for APL families with effect from June, 2006 onwards is at Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Under the Scheme of Implementation of theTargeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the States/UTs have the ooperational responsibility of identification of families of APL and BPL (Below Poverty Line), issue of ration cards and, undertake review of the lists of BPL and Antyodaya families for the purpose of deletion of ineligible families and inclusion of eligible families. Allocation of foodgrains is being made @ 35Kg. per family per month under TPDS on the basis of number of ration cards issued by the States/UTs or the number of households on the basis of poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 and the population projection of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 whichever is less. The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool is sufficient to meet the requirement of all the States/UTs under TPDS.

(d) A statement showing the percentage change in prices of various primary articles during the current year as on 8.7.2006 is enclosed as Statement - II

Statement-II

State-wise differential of allocation of wheat for APL families from June, 2006 onwards

Sl.No.	State/UT	Differential (in'000 Tonnes)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10.05
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00
3.	Assam	3.43
4.	Bihar	90.32
5.	Chhattisgarh	23.04
6.	Delhi	39.78
7.	Goa	2.66
8.	Gujarat	137.82
9.	Haryana	50.37

Sl.No.	State/UT	Differential (in'000 Tonnes)
10.	Himachal Pradesh	3.11
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00
12.	Jharkhand	4.03
13.	Karnataka	29.97
14.	Kerala	25.55
15.	Madhya Pradesh	134.69
16.	Maharashtra	249.10
17.	Manipur	0.00
18.	Meghalaya	0.22
19.	Mizoram	0.39
20.	Nagaland	0.00
21.	Orissa	16.61
22.	Punjab	84.63
23.	Rajasthan	140.72
24.	Sikkim	0.36
25.	Tamil Nadu	6.22
26.	Tripura	2.66
27.	Uttaranchal	6.01
28.	Uttar Pradesh	269.13
29.	West Bengal	49.07
30.	A & N Islands	0.17
31.	Chandigarh	4.41
32.	D & N Haveli	0.11
33.	Daman & Diu	0.09
34.	Lakashadweep	0.00
35.	Pondicherry	0.10
	TOTAL:	1384.80

Statement-II

Percentage change in Wholsale Price Index of Primary Articles in the current year

(As on 8.7.2006)

Sl. No.	Primary articles	Percentage change in Wholesale Price Index over end March, 2006
1.	Cereals	0.10
2.	Rice	1.67
3.	Wheat	(-)4.85
4.	Pulses	8.74
5.	Gram	10.64
6.	Vegetables	46.97
7.	Potatoes	23.22
8.	Onions	15.88
9.	Fruits	(-)16.86
10.	Milk	2.30
11.	Eggs, Meat and Fish	4.49
12.	Condiments and Spices	11.26
13.	Tea	35.49
14.	Coffee	0.47
15.	Fibers	5.33
16.	Raw Cotton	6.76
17.	Raw Jute	(-)3.28
18.	Oilseeds	6.36
19.	Groundnut seed	8.35
20.	Rape & Mustard seed	3.40
21.	Kerosene	0.00
22.	Petrol	9.31
23.	High speed diesel oil	6.73
24.	Sugar	1.29
25.	Gur	3.12